

January 6, 2005

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Executive Committee of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at SCAG offices downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the Councilmember Roberts, President. There was a quorum.

Committee Members Present

Councilmember Ron Roberts	President
Councilmember Toni Young	1st Vice President
Councilmember Richard Dixon	Chair, Admin Committee
Councilmember Deborah Robertson	Chair, CEHD

Committee Members Not Present

Councilmember Lee Ann Garcia	Chair TCC
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Others Present

Councilmember Robin Lowe,	RC Member
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Staff Present

Mark Pisano, Executive Director
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director
Heather Copp, Chief Financial Officer
Colin Lennard, General Counsel
Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel
Hasan Ikhrata, Director, Planning & Policy
Huasha Liu, Acting Director, Information Services
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant
Judy Owens, Sr. Administrative Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Roberts

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments presented at this time.

3.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Approval Items

3.1.1 Approval of December 2, 2004 Minutes

It was MOVED (Young), SECONDED (Dixon) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.1.2 Governor's Initiative on Port Congestion

Mark Pisano reported that Secretary Sunne McPeak was convening the region to discuss and come up with a game plan to deal with the port issue. She asked if SCAG would help in getting key officials in the region together to sort out how to relieve short term congestion at the ports. These actions will help prevent the same congestion problems that occurred in October.

SCAG was also asked to draft a white paper and the LA Economic Development Commission was asked to convene all interested parties in the region to review the white paper and provide input. A follow-up meeting with the Secretary was scheduled in December.

Hasan Ikhata, Director, Planning & Policy, reported that the white paper was reviewed by the Goods Movement Advisory Committee, Stakeholders, CEOs, the Ports as well as other entities that deals with goods movement.

He stated that the paper covers short term and long term measures for goods movements. It also addresses some financing mechanisms, institutional challenges, mitigation and how to address mitigating these measures.

3.1.3 Report from Washington, D.C.

• Lobbyist Report

John Cline, SCAG's Lobbyist, gave a report via teleconferencing discussing major issues involving SCAG and what's happening on the Hill. He also included some next steps that SCAG should be addressing for reauthorization..

- **Update on Consensus Trip**

Mr. Pisano gave a brief overview and update on the consensus trip scheduled for February 16 & 17 in Washington, D.C. SCAG will join the chairs and CEOs of LAMTA, OCTA, VCTC, RCTC, SANBAG, Imperial County and Metrolink to advocate on behalf of the Southern California Consensus Program for TEA-21 Reauthorization. He noted that this is the third year this transportation delegation will communicate to congressional representatives and members of the Bush Administration the need for surface transportation improvements in the region. The reauthorization, which has been repeatedly extended over the last two years is due to expire on May 31, 2005. The delegation will visit Capitol Hill during the best possible week to influence congressional discussion of the reauthorization.

3.1.4 IVAG

The Regional Council will be asked to approve a resolution encouraging the cities of Brawley, Calexico, Calipatria, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial, Westmorland and the County of Imperial to maintain their relationship with SCAG.

4.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mark Pisano reported on a meeting with Secretary Sunne McPeak in Sacramento regarding the Governor's Goods Movement Program. As a follow up to Mr. Ikhrata's report he stated that the Secretary and the attendees did in fact receive a White Paper that Nancy Pfeffer, SCAG staff, completed in consultation with the CTC's and other interested parties on how to solve the ports bottleneck issue in the region.

He stated that since goods movement is of particular current interest to Governor Schwarzenegger, there is an opportunity to seek much needed state leadership on this issue in Washington. Key needs are for environment mitigation, streamlined environmental review, innovative funding of infrastructure, and expedited project delivery.

Mr. Pisano stated that he and President Roberts met with Secretary Norm Mineta of the Department of Transportation; Jeff Shane, Undersecretary for Policy; representatives from Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald's office; Diane Feinstein's staff and the Committee on Ways and Means, regarding freight issues, innovative finance and MAGLEV.

5.0 LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

5.1 Closed Session

There was no closed session held.

- HDR Appeal
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision C §54956.9
(one potential case)
Conference with Legal Counsel – anticipated litigation
- Deanna Wetherbee-Distel et al. vs. Miguel Leon Martin et al.; Southern California Association of Governments; Riverside Transit Agency; Western Municipal Water District- Claim for Injuries/Wrongful Death Claim; Case Number: RIC 417340
Conference with Legal Counsel re: pending litigation, pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code Section 54956.9
- Morrison v. SCAG
Morrison v. Southern California Association of Governments et al. Superior Court, Los Angeles County, Case No. BC 312066
Conference with Legal Counsel Government Code section 54956.9(a)

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2005 at SCAG Offices downtown Los Angeles.

Mark Pisano, Executive Director